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In the specification:

The paragraph which spans pages 4 and 5 (currently amended).

In my aforementioned patent, the lower surface of the paddle is shown to be flat or non-arcuate longitudinally, in accordance with what has been conventional practice in the trade. The relation between the longitudinally flat lower paddle surface and the longitudinally arcuate box upper surface, including the edges, resulted in the box presenting only a small intermediate portion longitudinally of each edge to the paddle (laterally center thereof) for making a sound, and this relationship produces good quality sounds. However, I tried substantially conforming the contour longitudinally of the paddle lower surface 42 to the contour longitudinally of the box edges 30 and 32 (i.e., the contour of the longitudinally extending box edges 30 and 32) and was surprised to find that this permitted an even higher quality sound to be produced and more easily so that inexperienced callers could more easily learn to use the call. Accordingly, in accordance with the present invention, the paddle lower surface 42 is longitudinally arcuate (i.e., its longitudinally extending edges 41 are arcuate, as seen in Figs. 1 and 3, thus defining or defined by the paddle lower surface as being arcuate in the longitudinal direction or direction parallel to the edges 41) so as to achieve contact over a greater intermediate distance longitudinally with the longitudinally arcuate box edges 30 and 32. Preferably, the paddle lower surface 42 and the side wall edges 30 and 32 have substantially the same complementary contour or curvature longitudinally, as illustrated in FIG. 3, i.e., the ~~curvature longitudinally curvatures or contours~~ of the longitudinally extending paddle lower surface edges 41 respectively conforming substantially to the ~~curvature longitudinally curvatures or contours~~ of the

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longitudinally extending side wall edges respectively. It should of course be understood that the handle 38 need not have such a curved lower surface and that the upper surface of the paddle 14 need not be curved. Such a substantial conformance of curvatures is provided to desirably allow contact, at any given time during use, between the lower surface of the paddle and intermediate portions of the edges 30 and 32 over substantial portions of the entire lengths thereof, i.e., over at least about 50 percent of the edge length, illustrated at 54 in FIG. 5, the edge length being the length of a portion of the box upper surface 18 along the trough 16 which is generally uniform in width.